

An Energy Efficiency Workshop & Exposition

Palm Springs, California

Counting the Benefits of ESPCs: Energy Savings and More

Phil Wirdzek

National Energy Manager

U.S. EPA



EPA Energy Use

- The U.S. EPA collects energy and water consumption data from its 20 owned laboratories
- E.O. 13123: 20% reduction by 2005
 - Spirit of Executive Order to reduce emissions
 - Specifies <u>laboratories</u> as part of Federal energy reduction efforts
 - How do we get there?



NVFEL – Ann Arbor, MI



June 2-5, 2002



National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory (NVFEL)

Background

- 135,000 square foot facility in Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Requires precise environmental control under widely varying load conditions
- One of EPA's most energy intensive sites
 - Using almost 3 MW per year
 - Over \$1 million in annual utility costs



NVFEL – Ann Arbor, MI

The Need:

- 30 year old energy infrastructure in dire need of replacement. For example:
 - Test cell AHUs before ESPC conditioned 100% outside air to supply space, and air was then exhausted after the first pass
 - Baseline water consumption 31,373,000 gallons/year



NVFEL – Ann Arbor, MI

The Answer? ESPC

- Reduce source emissions, energy consumption, and energy costs through 11 ECMs
- Exceed federal energy reduction mandates
- Eliminate CFCs
- Reduce water consumption
- Minimize wasted energy
- Provide simple payback on contractor's capital expenditure of less than 10 years
- NORESCO



Test Cell AHUs

- Replace 14 rooftop AHUs supplying the test cells
 - Removal of old units, steam piping, humidifiers, and exhaust fans
- New units installed with:
 - Indirect evaporative coolers, preheat coils, cooling coils with face and bypass dampers and spray atomizing humidifiers
 - New temperature controllers



NVFEL - ECM 1 & 2







Soak Area AHUs

- Four roof-mounted HVAC units installed to serve soak areas
 - Water heated and cooled
 - Total energy recovery wheel installed to precondition air supply
- New temperature controls
 - Maintain space conditions
 - Remote monitoring of units, remote set point adjustment



Office Preparation AHUs

- Removed 11 roof-mounted HVAC systems for offices, controls rooms, labs, and preparation rooms
- New units installed
 - Return air, preheat coils, cooling coils
 - New temperature controllers



Replace Boilers and Chillers

- Provided NVFEL with entirely new heating and cooling plant
- Water chillers converted from CFC-based mechanical refrigeration to non-CFC, twostage absorption technology
- High-pressure steam boilers removed, now generated by same absorption units



NVFEL – ECM 4 (cont'd)

- New cooling tower installed on roof
 - Removed existing one from site
- Existing 5,000 gallon fuel oil tank remains intact outside boiler room
 - Serves as back-up for dual fuel absorbers and for the emergency genset



NVFEL – ECM 4 (cont'd)





June 2-5, 2002



Install Energy Management System (EMS)

- In the past, control of HVAC equipment was performed manually
 - HVAC systems ran excessively due to various occupancy schedules
- NORESCO proposed and installed state-ofthe-art EMS that controls building temperature, tracks energy usage, and controls HVAC equipment based on occupancy



Process Water Conservation

 Use chilled water to cool process loads at the facility



Power Factor Correction

- NVFEL is supplied with power by Detroit Edison under the Primary Supply Rate service classification
 - This rate structure includes a reactive demand charge for each kVA of lagging demand
- NORESCO installed capacitators and controls to increase the facility power factor to at least 90%, the penalty threshold



Natural Gas Fuel Cell

- Installed a 200 kW fuel cell powered by natural gas
 - Provides stable power
 - Converts natural gas into electricity to provide a quiet, clean and efficient on-site generating system
 - Dual cooling loops did not materialize
- Electric generation is working







Cold Test Facility – Conversion to Central Plant Cooling

 Improved efficiency of Cold Test Facility chiller system by serving it with chilled water from the central plant



Results of ESPC

(January 1, 2001- December 31, 2001)

ECM	Electrical Savings (kWh)	Water Savings (Gal)	Fossil Fuel Savings (Mtbu)
ECM -1 Test Cell AHU	2,282,727	6,636,761	50,296,092
ECM-2 Soak Area AHU	409,922	1,118,925	16,532,768
ECM-3 Office and Preparation Area AHU	1,249,443	1,913,020	14,212,372
ECM-4 Replace Boilers and Chillers	757,603	0	(9,719,424)
ECM-5 Install EMS	120,271	0	3,283,019
ECM-6 Process Water Conservation	(5,604)	11,422,149	(406,013)
ECM-8 Power Factor Correction	0	0	0
ECM-10 Natural Gas Fuel Cell	1,187,717	0	(7,966,809)
ECM-11 Cold Test Facility – Conversion to Central Plant Cooling	19,270	0	(71,739)
TOTALS	6,021,350	21,090,854	66,160,265



Measurement & Verification (M&V)

M&V Plan: Documenting Energy Savings

- EMS tracks energy performance of new equipment
 - comprehensive data logging
 - EMS continuously logs variables and calculates energy usage by system
 - NORESCO accesses stored data and sends to M&V group for processing



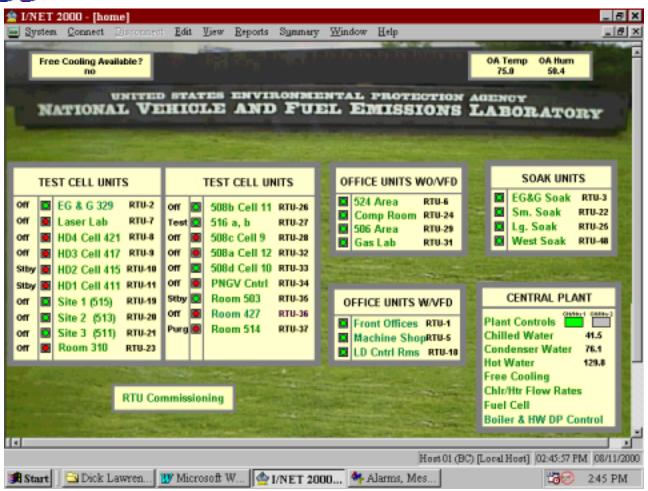
Measurement & Verification (M&V)

Evaluating the M&V Plan

- Third party evaluation of M&V report
 - Architectural Energy Corporation (AEC)
- EMS tracks energy performance and calculates real time energy savings
 - AEC looked at each ECM to determine if EMS calculated energy savings as specified in M&V plan

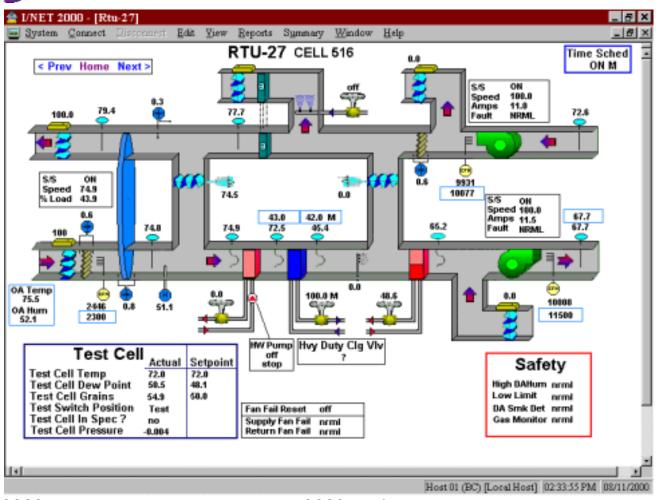


Control System Main Page



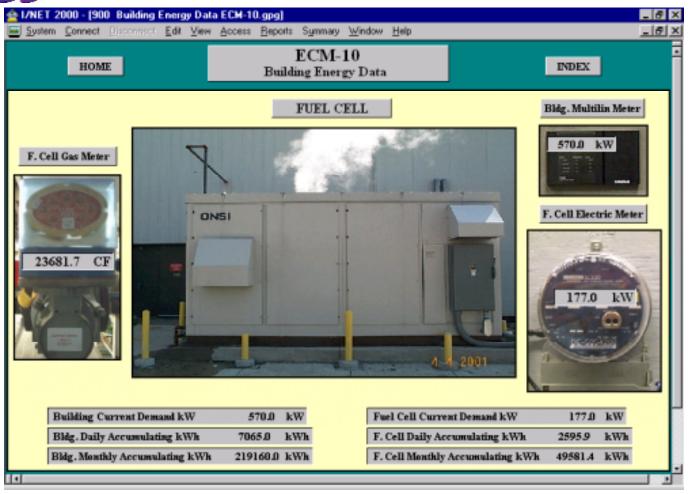


02 Typical Laboratory Test Cell AHU





Fuel Cell Energy Accounting





Total \$ Savings

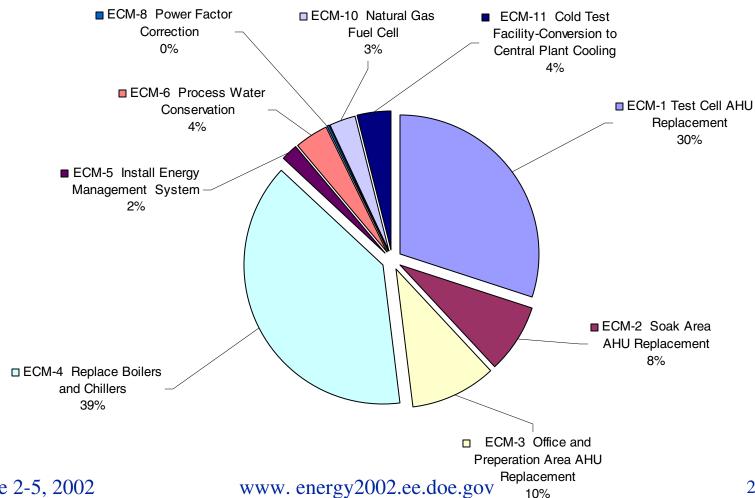
(January 1, 2001 – December 31 2001)

ECM	Electrical Savings (\$ kWh)	Water Savings (\$ Gal)	Fossil Fuel Savings (\$ Mtbu)	Total \$ Savings
ECM-1	\$66,854	\$27,184	\$213,837	\$307,875
ECM-2	\$12,005	\$4,757	\$70,290	\$87,052
ECM-3	\$35,857	\$7,836	\$60,425	\$104,117
ECM-4	\$22,188	\$0	(\$41,323)	(\$19,135)
ECM-5	\$3,522	\$0	\$13,958	\$17,480
ECM-6	(\$164)	\$46,785	(\$1,726)	\$44,895
ECM-8	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ECM-10	\$34,784	\$0	(\$33,871)	\$913
ECM-11	\$564	\$0	(\$305)	\$259
Sub Total	\$175,610	\$86,562	\$281,284	\$543,456
Sub Total	\$1,032,890			
Annual Guaranteed Savings – Second Year				\$1,093,856
Less Annual Maintenance Savings - Second Year				\$205,062
Amount Above Guarantee			\$144,096	



Cost Savings By ECM

(January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001)





Emissions Reductions

Electrical & Fossil Fuel Savings		Emissions Offsets (Combined)			
ECM	kWh	Mbtu	CO ₂ (tons)	NO _x (tons)	SO ₂ (tons)
1	2,282,727	50,296,092	4,805	7.5	10.4
2	409,922	16,532,768	1,287	1.7	1.98
3	1,249,443	14,212,372	1,876.2	3.4	5.5
4	757,603	-9,719,424	100	1.18	3
5	120,271	3,283,019	288.8	.4	.55
6	-5,604	-406,013	-27.7	03	03
8	0	0	0	0	0
10	1,187,717	-7,966,809	568.1	2.2	4.9
11	19,270	-71,739	12.47	.03	.08
TOTAL	6,021,349	66,160,266	8,910	16.5	26.5



Trading Value

	Electrical (kWh)	Natural Gas (Mtbu)	CO ₂ (tons)	SO ₂ (tons)	NO _x (tons)
Savings	6,021,349	66,160,266	8,910	26.5	16.5

- Retire carbon
- □ NO_x : = \$7,425 to \$29,700 (16.5 tons x 0.9 (MDEQ air quality retirement) x \$500 to \$2000)*
- Federal SIP NO_x : forward trade for 2003: 16.5 tons x \$5.900 = \$97.350
- □ SO₂: \$13,250 to \$53,000 (26.5 tons x \$500 to \$2000)*
- * values based on Michigan ERC



Intangible Benefits

What Else Do We Gain?

- Ability to make major upgrades
- Meet Executive Order 13123 goals
 - Executive Order does not exempt laboratories
- Model for other laboratory facilities
- Living agency's mission